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SUBJ: CODEL VISIT TO VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA

REF: STATE 31771

1. AS I STATED PREVIOUSLY, WE WOULD WELCOME VISIT TO
CAMBODIA BY PROPOSED CODEL.

2. I WILL BE SEEING THE MARSHAL TOMORROW (WITH ADMIRAL
GAYLER) AND AT THAT TIME WILL ADVISE HIM OF PLANNED VISIT
BY CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION. WILL STRESS IMPORTANCE OF
VISIT IN TERMS OF FAVORABLE ACTION ON SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST.
THERE WILL BE NO QUESTION ABOUT OUR HAVING FULLEST GKR
COOPERATION AND PERMISSION TO SEE WHATEVER THEY WANT,
WITHIN LIMITS OF PRUDENCE DICTATED BY SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS.

3. FOR THOSE OF US WHO WORK FULL-TIME IN CAMBODIA IT
IS DIFFICULT TO ACCEPT IDEA THAT NINE HOURS WILL
SUFFICE FOR GROUP TO GAIN AN UNDERSTANDING OF SITUATION.
AT SAME TIME GROUP OF THIS SIZE ADDS TO OUR SECURITY
PROBLEMS. WE COULD ACCOMMODATE THEM OVERNIGHT BY
SPREADING THEM AROUND AMONGST OUR COMMUNITY. ONE
POSSIBILITY THAT MIGHT BE CONSIDERED WOULD BE TO HAVE
A SMALLER PORTION OF THE GROUP SPEND TWO DAYS
HERE, INCLUDING AN OVERNIGHT STAY, TO GIVE AT LEAST
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SOME OF GROUP GREATER EXPOSURE.

4. IF ONE DAY STOP MUST BE ADHERED TO CONCUR IN DESIRABILITY (PARA 4, REFTEL) OF BREAKING GROUP DOWN INTO SUB-GROUPS, ACCORDING TO EXPERTISE AND INTEREST.

5. IN ANY CASE, MY VIEW IS THAT EXPOSURE TO LOCAL CONDITIONS, AND TO THE KHmers WE ARE TRYING TO HELP IN THEIR STRUGGLE FOR SURVIVAL, CAN ONLY BE HELPFUL SO FAR AS CONVINCING CONGRESS OF THE MERITS OF THE PRESIDENT'S REQUEST GOES.

6. I PLAN TO SUGGEST TO FONMIN KEUKY LIM THAT UM SIM STAY IN PHNOM PENH FOR THE CODEL VISIT. WITH HIS GOOD CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS HE CAN BE VERY HELPFUL HERE AND IN LATER FOLLOW-UP IN WASHINGTON.

7. IS VISIT OF ADVANCE STAFFDEL ALSO CONTIMPLATED TO PHNOM PENH (PARA 5, REFTEL)?

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